

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION
BUREAU, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

STRATFS, LLC (f/k/a STRATEGIC
FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, LLC), et al.

Defendants, and

STRATEGIC ESOP, et al.,

Relief Defendants.

Case No. 1:24-cv-00040-EAW-MJR

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

TO: The Clerk of Court and all Parties of Record

Please take notice that Casey D. Laffey of the law firm Reed Smith LLP, who is duly admitted and authorized to practice in the Western District of New York, hereby appears as lead counsel and counsel of record in this action for defendants Ryan Sasson, Daniel Blumkin, Albert Ian Behar, Twist Financial, LLC, Duke Enterprises, LLC, and Blaise Investments, LLC, and demands that copies of all court notices and correspondence in this action be electronically served upon the undersigned.

Dated: December 4, 2024

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